

Hinckley
Cambridge Dec. 10 1847

My dear Sir

I have been induced by some friends to undertake to deliver a short course of Botanical lectures before I leave the neighbourhood.

I have consented not of course with the least idea that there can be a deficiency of the best Botanical lectures in the neighbourhood where you are stationed, (which I mean as no vain compliment for besides what I have for some time known of your reputation I have just been looking over your introduction and think it the best work of its kind in our language) but a public teacher is glad of an opportunity of exercising his profession, and the kindness of the friends who wish to hear me is not to be despised.

A few of my specimens may have some interest for you and if you can at any time make it convenient to look in at my lectures I shall

be highly flattered.

I have been a good deal engaged and part
of the time have been in Charleston and South
Boston or I should have called on you again.

I hope to do so when I am again in your
neighbourhood.

Believe me to be dear Sir

Very truly Yours

William Hinks

P.S. I am going to Plymouth to day to spend a week there.
My lectures begin on the 27th and will be six in number.

Professor Gray
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